REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	11 June 2002
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	The Big Book Of Secret Hiding Places
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Breakout Productions, Inc.
Author:	Jack Luger
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *The Big Book Of Secret Hiding Places* is classified as: Unrestricted.

The Big Book Of Secret Hiding Places by Jack Luger is a 124 page book of American origin, a 1999 reprint of a 1987 edition. The content discusses and depicts concealing items and substances on the person, in the home, in vehicles and in transit. The text is easy to read and supplemented with simple line drawings and black and white photographic images. Approximately one-fifth of the content is exclusively devoted to concealing "ready weapons" on the person for self-defence.

The book is classified unrestricted. Though the book deals with matters of crime, it falls short of promoting or encouraging criminal acts or acts of terrorism. Many, though not all, of the examples used discuss concealing and smuggling "contraband", including specified drugs, and some readers might find the information contained in the book useful for such purposes. In the Classification Office's opinion the techniques dealt with in the book are unsophisticated and often "common-sense". For New Zealand readers not involved in criminal or terrorist activity, the book is unlikely to encourage participation. The book may instead provide useful information that householders might legitimately use for protecting valuables or improving firearm security. For readers participating in criminal activity the information is likely to be too simplistic or out-moded as to be of no or low interest.

A New Zealand Police expert assessed the book and his opinions helped the Classification Office in reaching these conclusions.

The right to freedom of expression affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 is not limited in any way by the resultant classification, therefore that Act requires no further consideration.

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